

NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 12, 1998

THOSE PRESENT: Councillor Barnet, Chair
Councillor Harvey
Deputy Mayor Rankin

ALSO PRESENT: Barry Allen, Municipal Solicitor
Austin French, Supervisor, Real Estate Services
Donna Davis-Lohnes, General Manager, Planning Applications
Paul Morgan, Planner
Jacqueline Hamilton, Planner
Kenny Silver, Manager, Traffic and Transportation
Sandra Shute, Assistant Municipal Clerk

Regrets: Councillor Kelly
Councillor Mitchell

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Wallace Lucas Community Centre, 596 Lucasville Road. The Chair noted the regrets of Councillors Kelly and Mitchell and explained that it was also necessary for Deputy Mayor Rankin to leave as quickly as possible which meant that the quorum for the meeting would be lost at that time. There was, therefore, a need to defer a number of items on the Agenda to the next meeting.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - JANUARY 22, 1998**

MOVED by Councillor Harvey and Deputy Mayor Rankin to approve the Minutes of meeting held on January 22, 1998 as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. **APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

Added Items: Traffic Signals - Glendale Drive and Magee Drive
Mobile Signs Regulation Review - Update - Councillor Harvey
Adult Video Store - Councillor Harvey

At this time, Councillor Barnet indicated the items on the Agenda that would be deferred - and which will be indicated in the Minutes as deferred - along with the second and third item above under Added Items.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Rankin and Councillor Harvey to approve the Order of Business as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. **BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES** - None

5. **MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION** - None

6. **MOTIONS OF RESCISSION**

6.1 **Name for New Controlled Access Highway - Bedford/Sackville**

Councillor Harvey advised he would move the Motion of Rescission, reasons for which are included in the Minutes of January 22, 1998 and which have been approved. He referred to the letter from Department of Transportation dated January 19, 1998 - the only correspondence Community Council has received on this issue - the last line of which was a request to "submit to the Department a new name for the road" and the only comment

made. He pointed out that the road was built, paid for, ribbon was cut by and the road is plowed by the province, it was their road and it was their request.

MOVED by Councillor Harvey and Deputy Mayor Rankin to rescind the following motion which was adopted on August 28, 1997:

MOVED by Councillors Kelly and Barnet to accept the recommendation of Committee of the Whole and advise Department of Transportation that the new controlled access highway - Bedford/Sackville should be named "Capt. John Gorham Boulevard".

MOTION PUT AND PASSED - ORIGINAL MOTION RESCINDED.

Councillor Harvey referred to the recommendation from Committee of the Whole relating to the naming of the road. He advised he was not entirely satisfied with the wording of the recommendation and put forward the following motion instead.

MOVED by Councillor Harvey and Deputy Mayor Rankin to recommend to Department of Transportation that the existing names and numbering be retained for Duke Street and Glendale Avenue in the interests of the businesses located there now and that one option that Department of Transportation can consider is making use of those existing names. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7. **CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS**

7.1 **Meeting Schedule - Proposal for One Meeting a Month Versus Two** - Deferred.

8. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

8.1 **Case 7589 - Application by James Dunsworth to Rezone the Property at 65 Longard Drive in Timberlea**

At this time, the Chair asked if there were any members of the public in attendance for this particular case, with the exception of the applicant. He called three times. Hearing none, he recommended that there be no staff presentation since members of Community Council already had the benefit of the Staff Report for quite some time and were aware of the recommendations. Community Council members agreed.

Speakers in Favour or Against the Application

There were no speakers in favour or against the application.

Decision by Council

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Rankin and Councillor Harvey to approve the application to rezone the property at 65 Longard Drive in Timberlea from R-1 (Single Unit Dwelling) to R-1A (Auxiliary Dwelling) Zone.

Councillor Harvey pointed out that the request was compliant with the Municipal Planning Strategy and, according to the Staff Report, it meets all the requirements of the various policies.

There was no correspondence received with regard to this application.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9. **CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

9.1 **Correspondence**

9.1.1 **Case 7349 - Middle Village Salvage Yard Rezoning**

A letter dated January 31, 1998 from Sherri Dow was before Community Council.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Rankin and Councillor Harvey to receive the correspondence and to request a Staff Report from Legal Services. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.1.2 **Request to Establish a Seniors Advisory Committee from Sackville Seniors Advisory Council** - Deferred

9.2 **Delegations**

9.2.1 **Sackville Heritage Advisory Committee re Sackville Heritage Park** - Deferred.

10. **REPORTS**

10.1 **Sackville Servicing Study** - Deferred.

10.2 **Proposed Walkway - Judy Avenue**

A Staff Report dated February 4, 1998 was before Community Council.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Rankin and Councillor Harvey to receive the report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.3 1998 Volunteer Recognition Program

A request was before Community Council regarding the 1998 Volunteer Recognition Program to appoint a representative from Community Council to select 1998 award recipients.

MOVED by Councillor Harvey and Deputy Mayor Rankin to appoint Councillor Mitchell, subject to his acceptance. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.4 Liaison Councillor for North West Transit Advisory Committee - Deferred.

10.5 Report from North West Transit Advisory Committee

A Report dated February 5, 1998 was before Community Council with regard to a new bus stop at Downsview Mall in light of renovations being carried out.

Councillor Harvey stated this was a matter of concern for passengers from Sackville/Beaver Bank as it was a well-established stop at the old Sobeys location.

MOVED by Councillor Harvey and Deputy Mayor Rankin to support the recommendation and forward same to staff of Regional Operations with a request to make the contacts as outlined in the recommendation. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.6 Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) - District 21 - Deferred.

11. MOTIONS - None

12. ADDED ITEMS

12.1 Mobile Signs Regulation Review - Update - Councillor Harvey - Deferred.

12.2 Adult Video Store - Councillor Harvey - Deferred.

12.3 Traffic Signals - Glendale Drive and Magee Drive

A Staff Report dated February 2, 1998 with regard to the above was before Community Council advising that traffic signals were not warranted at this intersection and the posted

speed on Glendale Drive should not be further reduced. The results of the radar survey have been forwarded to the RCMP with a request for whatever enforcement action they are able to provide. Staff is looking at the possibility of additional signage along Glendale Drive to increase awareness for the travelling public and the comfort of area residents.

Councillor Harvey advised that Kenny Silver, Manager, Traffic and Transportation was expected to be in attendance shortly to provide information on the report and answer questions as required. In the interim, Councillor Harvey commented on the recommendations made by Community Council at an earlier meeting in conjunction with the report.

LOSS OF QUORUM

At this time - 7:15 p.m. - Deputy Mayor Rankin left the meeting which meant there was no quorum. It was agreed to continue dealing with the report regarding Glendale Drive and Magee Drive and, if there were any motions, they could be made at the next meeting. It was also agreed that other matters under Public Participation could be raised, recognizing there was no quorum.

Continuation - Traffic Signals - Glendale Drive and Magee Drive

Mr. Dave Amirault, 23 Coles Road said at least once a week he witnesses accidents at the intersection, living close enough to see it. He referred to Raymond Drive's points and compared it to Magee's points, said there was something wrong with the study and explained his reasons. He used Pinehill to get out instead of Magee because it was not as dangerous. In his opinion, 12 accidents reported since 1992 were only a third or a half of the true number.

Mr. Jack Ashford, 231 Dickey Drive referred to the report and asked if Community Council felt the issue was over. In reply, Councillor Harvey stated the decision would rest with Regional Council and he was prepared to take it to Regional Council with the knowledge, however, that there are many intersections in HRM that would score higher than this.

Mr. Silver, now in attendance, provided an overview of the Staff Report and explained staff's decision that neither lights nor a reduction in speed were warranted. In terms of speed, however, the area was a school zone and technically motorists are supposed to be driving 50 km/h when children are present.

Mr. Ashford referred to a driveway along Glendale and asked if it was going to be removed. In reply, Councillor Harvey advised it had been put in temporarily by the Power Corporation to renew poles and they would remove it when they were done.

Mr. Ashford asked if staff had tried to cross the road with the lights flashing. In reply, Mr. Silver advised he had personally crossed but was not sure if a car came along when he crossed. Mr. Ashford continued that even though the lights were flashing, in his experience, drivers would still not stop. Mr. Silver responded this was a problem in many places. The fact that motorists did not stop at RA5's is a reason for a number of accidents. A large portion of pedestrian accidents do occur where there are RA5's but, however, the RA5's are located where both traffic and pedestrian activity are heavier.

Mr. Ashford asked for confirmation that lights would not be installed to which Mr. Silver explained they were installed based on warrant points to ensure consistency of installation. The warrant points should be closer to 100 before signals are installed. A variety of factors can be considered as the points approach 100.

Mr. Ashford said there had been three deaths in that area in two months, including the new extension, and he personally knew of seven writeoffs. Mr. Silver, in reply, asked what were the causes, the driving speed and were the motorists adhering to the existing speed limit.

Councillor Barnet asked if it was determined that the number of accidents at the intersection were more than recorded, would it change the warrants. Mr. Silver, in reply, said that if it was possible to find different numbers, staff would recalculate.

Councillor Barnet asked, with respect to the new intersections, how was it determined that traffic lights would go there when there is no traffic to do a traffic count or accidents. In reply, Mr. Silver said this was a DOT intersection but one of the factors would be that they are on an exit ramp from a 100 Series Highway and Department of Transportation ensures that nothing will happen to cause traffic to back up onto the highway. The other factor he felt would be projected traffic volumes.

Councillor Harvey asked for information on the warrant points for the intersection of Glendale and MacDougall - at the entrance to the Sackville Sports Stadium - as lights were installed when the Stadium opened, to use as a comparison as he saw similarities between the two intersections. Mr. Silver agreed to check with DOT and advise.

Councillor Harvey asked if the warrants for a four-way stop were the same as traffic signals. Mr. Silver explained that a four-way stop is supposed to be put in based on different criteria and added that traffic should be reasonably well balanced between all legs of the intersection, generally 60 on the major leg and 40 on the minor.

Councillor Barnet suggested that public education might help to resolve some of the issues and asked if it was HRM's jurisdiction. In reply, Mr. Silver said it did not matter who

reminded pedestrians. He did not know if the RCMP had a regular program going into the schools.

Councillor Barnet referred to Sgt. Russell's traffic and radar report in the morning on one of the radio stations, commented on same and said it was a comfort to know Sgt. Russell has been paying particular attention to Glendale Drive.

Councillor Harvey acknowledged that a copy of Community Council's motion had been sent to the RCMP, advised he had met with the RCMP Inspector and had identified Glendale Drive as a problem area due to traffic and speed.

Councillor Harvey asked for information on how the study had been conducted, i.e. over what duration, etc. Mr. Silver provided information as requested.

Mr. Amirault stated that the time of day the radar study was carried out was the deadest time. Mr. Silver, however, pointed out that speeds would be higher at that time.

Mr. Amirault then asked for clarification regarding comparison of Raymond Drive and Magee. In reply, Mr. Silver explained that they had been relatively equal in the Department of Transportation study and because points for Magee only went up slightly, it was reasonable to expect that the ratio would stay the same. Staff would not be able to complete a study for Raymond Drive until the spring when weather is better.

Councillor Harvey noted that the Staff Report indicated that both Raymond Drive and Magee would be included in the 1998 Traffic Count Program. He asked if there would also be a licence plate survey to check re through traffic but was told this was not a criteria used for traffic signals.

Councillor Harvey asked for information on how the traffic counts are carried out, which was supplied by Mr. Silver. Councillor Harvey then asked if the 24-hour count in the spring was at a real variance, would staff be revising the report on that basis. Mr. Silver replied yes and, as well, staff would recheck the accidents to see if there is anything else.

The Chair thanked Mr. Silver for his report.

Public Participation

Mr. Marvin Silver, Chairman, Bedford Waters Advisory Committee explained that his committee still did not have a proper reporting procedure. He explained that water testing started on Paper Mill Lake about 15 years ago but when Greater Homes took over, they stopped testing. The Committee requested that testing be resumed but it has been about two years without any testing being done even though Greater Homes has been notified

to resume. He asked Community Council to find out the status of testing on Paper Mill Lake because it would become more critical with Greater Homes increasing the number of units around Paper Mill Lake from 900 to 1150. Without the testing done before the project is started, there would not be a base line to compare the deterioration of water quality.

Councillor Barnet pointed out there was no quorum to direct staff but agreed to discuss the matter with Councillor Kelly or staff.

Mr. Silver said he would be grateful for anything, officially or unofficially, since there has not even been a reporting procedure, since amalgamation, to fulfill the mandate of Bedford Waters Advisory Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting officially adjourned at 7:15 p.m.; however, the Public Participation section adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Sandra M. Shute
Assistant Municipal Clerk